

The suburbs around Franklin county already have mayors courts including Hilliard. As a council member, You could have taken the lead to have discussions about turning the mayor's court into a municipal court in Hilliard....have you done that as an elected official already? What discussions have you had with county commissioners regarding this?

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Omar Tarazi Norwich Township Fiscal Officer

Ajmeri Linda Hoque Thank you for your comment. Mayors Courts are extremely limited in what they can do. If an 18 year old steals a car in Hilliard, their case is not heard in Hilliard Mayors Court. Rather it gets sent downtown to the same overloaded municipal court serving the entire county. I have talked to numerous police chiefs and some city managers and there is definitely support for the need to go in this direction. Basically you would be combining the very small scare mayor's courts in the suburbs into a municipal court.

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Ajmeri Linda Hoque

Omar Tarazi for State Representative As a practicing attorney, I'm well aware about how mayor's court is limited. Who are the police chiefs and city managers who are supporting this suburban municipal court?

What is the tax burden on residents on this? Right now Franklin county municipal court is funded thru the city of Columbus. Who will be funding the suburban municipal court?

Have you considered the burden on residents to appear at court for jury duty? Right now, our residents share that burden with the entire county, and our residents would have additional responsibility with your plan.

Do our suburban police departments have the officers necessary to patrol our streets and ALSO be part of court security, testify at court on their cases, transport defendants back and forth from jail?

What exactly are the details of your discussions that people are supporting bc those vital components are an enormous burden on our residents financially.

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